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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **NINE** pages with **TWO** sections only.
2. Shade your answers for **Section A (Questions I and II)** on the OMR sheet.
3. Write your answers for **Section A (Questions III and IV)** and **Section B** in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: TENSES [40 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: For questions 1-10, identify the **BEST** answer.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso _____ for nearly fifty years.
   A. is marrying
   B. has married
   C. has been married
   D. have been married

2. Syakir _____ any money to pay for lunch because someone _____ his wallet.
   A. do not have ; had stolen
   B. did not have ; has stolen
   C. did not have ; had stolen
   D. do not have ; have stolen

3. Velma is a responsible citizen of this country. She _____, nor _____ public property.
   A. do not litter ; vandalized
   B. did not litter ; vandalized
   C. does not litter ; vandalizes
   D. is not littering ; vandalizing

4. That man in that corner of the shop _____ familiar to me. I think I might _____ him before.
   A. looked ; met
   B. looks ; have met
   C. have looked ; meet
   D. have looked ; have met

5. Ally and Bob _____ to concentrate on their revision for an hour, but they cannot seem to focus because the group of students sitting next to their table _____ a lot of noise.
   A. tried ; is making
   B. have tried; has been making
   C. are trying ; has been making
   D. have been trying ; is making

6. We _____ our laundry before you _____ yours.
   A. already completed ; did
   B. are already completing ; do
   C. had already completed ; did
   D. have already completed ; did

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7. At the moment, Zurah _____ outside on the porch. She _____ there since.
   A. sit ; is sitting
   B. sat ; was sitting
   C. is sitting ; had been sitting
   D. is sitting ; has been sitting

8. Marsya usually _____ with her best friends at Aunt May's Cafe. However, today she _____ alone at Steerbag Cafe.
   A. ate ; eat
   B. ate ; ate
   C. eats ; is eating
   D. eats ; has eaten

9. Wei Wei _____ never _____ to Pesta Pulau Pinang before last night.
   A. had ; been
   B. had ; being
   C. have ; been
   D. have ; being

10. Right now the tide is very low. When the tide comes in, the ship _____ the harbour.
    A. left
    B. leaves
    C. will leave
    D. are going to leave

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: For questions 11-20, identify the **CORRECT** answer based on the statements or rules given.

11. Which of the following sentences **describes an action which has just ended**?
    A. Hafiz has watched this movie five times.
    B. Melissa has completed her foundation studies.
    C. Had Patricia mailed the quotation to the headquarters?
    D. John and Bob have been busy preparing for Christmas.

12. *I am studying to become a doctor at the University of Nottingham.*
    The Present Progressive Tense used in the sentence above shows that_____.
    A. I am studying at this exact second.
    B. I will study to become a doctor in the near future.
    C. I always study to become a doctor.
    D. I am in the process of studying to be a doctor, but I might not be studying at this exact second.

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13. What is the difference between these two sentences?
Sentence 1: While Pam was painting the door, the doorbell rang.
Sentence 2: While Ann was busy packing the bags, I was looking for our passports.

	Sentence 1	Sentence 2
A.	An action was in progress when another occurred	An action was taking place at the same time as another
B.	An ongoing action in the past	An action was taking place before the other
C.	Two actions taking place in the past	An action was completed before another was taking place
D.	An action was taking place at the same time as another	An action taking place when another occurred

14. Which of the following verbs shares the same form in the past tense and past participle?
A. blow
B. hang
C. awake
D. withdraw

15. Which of the following differentiates between the present perfect tense and the simple past tense?

	Present Perfect	Simple Past
A.	It is used for situations that began in the past and continue to the present	It is used for situations that began and ended in the past
B.	Specific time is mentioned	Specific time is not mentioned
C.	It is used for situations that are in progress at the time of speech	It is used for situations that were in progress in the past
D.	It is used to express an activity that was complete before another activity or time in the past	It is used in reported speech

16. Some verbs are non-progressive and they are rarely used in progressive tenses as they describe states, not actions.
Which of the following is **NOT** a non-progressive verb?
A. smile
B. sound
C. surprise
D. suppose

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17. Which of the following phrases is the time clause of the following sentence?
The fifty-two-year-old Professor has been a lecturer in Multimedia University for twenty years. He loves teaching.
A. twenty years
B. for twenty years
C. fifty-two year old
D. has been a lecturer

18. Which of the following statements describes the sentence below?
"Terrence has been here since nine o'clock this morning."
A. The situation has already completed.
B. The situation began at an unspecified time in the past
C. The situation began in the past and continues to the present.
D. The situation occurred repeatedly in the past and continues to the present.

19. Which of the following tenses fits the following statement?
The past perfect is often not necessary when either 'before' or 'after' is used in the main clause of a sentence because the time relationship is already clear. Instead, the _____ may be used.
A. simple past
B. past perfect
C. present perfect
D. past progressive

20. Which of the following statements has the same meaning as the sentence below?
Minna has been trying to call Eve for the past one hour to discuss their assignment which is due in a week's time.
A. Minna has stopped trying to call Eve.
B. Minna called Eve a few times in the last hour.
C. Minna called Eve a few times, but her line was busy.
D. Minna has called Eve a few times in the last hour and she is still trying to reach her.

(10 marks)

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Question III

Instructions: For questions 1 – 20, fill in the blanks with the correct tense. The vèrbs are given in the parentheses.

Social Consequences of Gaming Addiction

Your cell phone starts to ring and you look over to see who **(call)** **is calling (0)** . It is your best friend. He probably wants to hang out. After all, it is Friday night. You think about picking up the phone, but you don't. Instead, you tell yourself, "I **(call)** _____ **(1)** him as soon as I finish this fight." You promise yourself that you will call him because, even though you go to the same school and have most of the same classes, you have not really hung out in a while. You **(just, be)** _____ **(2)** too busy. Therefore, you promise yourself, "as soon as I finish..."

People who are addicted to gaming have to choose whether to interact with the real world or continue living in their virtual one. Sadly, the real world rarely wins. Social consequences are a very real part of gaming addiction. Addicted gamers **(spend)** _____ **(3)** so much time playing that their personal relationships get neglected and sometimes disappear altogether. Among addicted gamers who are married, up to 50 percent report a strain in their marriage as a result of their addiction.

A quick search online for information about video game addiction yields multiple stories about detrimental, and potentially harmful, social decisions people **(make)** _____ **(4)** because gaming takes priority above all else. One such story **(be)** _____ **(5)** about a man who installed an online gaming program onto his laptop so he could play at work, even though he knew that getting caught would mean getting fired. Yet the same man confessed that he **(begin)** _____ **(6)** playing online game "all the time" because he said it took his mind off his problems.

It is not just neglect that costs addicted gamers their relationships. Some of them **(talk)** _____ **(7)** so much about their game of choice – to the exclusion of everything else – that people no longer want to be around them. They cannot, or will not, engage in real world conversations or be a source of support or encouragement to friends and family. Because their friends talk about other things, they **(begin)** _____ **(8)** to feel left out, which in turn causes them to feel irritated or offended. It does not occur to them that they have chosen to be left out by devoting all their time to gaming.

The lack of social interaction that results from obsessive gaming can have long-term social consequences. An addicted teenager will not develop effective social skills, which **(hinder)** _____ **(9)** his ability to develop and maintain healthy relationships in college and beyond. Suddenly, he is 21 but **(have)** _____ **(10)** the social skills of a 15-year-old. He does not know how to make friends, talk to girls, or just "hang out" and enjoy people's company. The social awkwardness created by the isolationism of gaming addiction, unfortunately, feeds the addiction. The gaming addict will likely retreat back to his online world where relationships are easier and already waiting for him.

Adapted from Unknown Author. (2016, November 26) Retrieved from http://www.video-game-addiction.org/social-consequences.html

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Trail to Tebedu

As I sipped a cup of tea flavoured with local wild honey, I **(reflect)** **reflected** **(0)** on what **(bring)** _____ **(11)** me to this village and the home of Ivy, who currently **(study)** _____ **(12)** in a rural school in Tebedu, Sarawak. You see, *travel 3Sixty* **(receive)** _____ **(13)** hundreds of letters from readers from all over the world every month, and these include messages full of praise, notes that detail exciting adventures made possible by AirAsia, and even the odd missive to notify us of typos. We are always grateful for kind and constructive feedback that **(help)** _____ **(14)** us to improve the magazine.

However, in May this year, we received a letter that tugged at our heartstrings. The letter was from Larrie Jessika, a teacher from a small town in the East Malaysian state of Sarawak. Larrie **(apologise)** _____ **(15)** for 'nicking' a copy of our magazine while onboard a flight, telling us he had done so to only share the stories he had read with his students. He informed us that the travel articles in the magazine **(introduce)** _____ **(16)** these schoolchildren, many of whom had never experienced the world beyond their small town, to diverse cultures around the globe, giving them a window to the outside world and of life in faraway places.

Larrie, who **(teach)** _____ **(17)** English to fourth and fifth formers at Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tebedu, **(teach)** _____ **(18)** here since 2010. He made copies of the articles in the magazine and used the information in his lessons. Inspired by his letter and the photographs he had sent, **we (decide)** _____ **(19)** to pay a visit to the school. We hoped to share our stories with the children, but more importantly, to learn theirs.

Getting there was not easy. Our trip was put off, not once but twice, due to unavoidable circumstances; thick haze **(envelope)** _____ **(20)** most of Peninsular and East Malaysia, and caused us to postpone our plans. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, my photographer, Fendi, and I arrived in Kuching, the state capital, located about 120 kilometres from Tebedu.

Adapted from Santhinathan C. (2016, November 30). People of The Land. AirAsia Inflight Magazine 3sixty pg. 42.

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Question IV

Instructions: For questions 1 – 10, create **ONE** sentence using the verb in the form of tense stated below. The sentence must fulfill the usage or function of the required tense and the minimum number of words in each sentence is five. You should include time reference words and underline the verb in the sentence.

Example:

0. begin (Simple Past Tense)
*The trimester **began** in the second week of November 2016.*

1. sleep (Present Progressive Tense)
2. move (Simple Future Tense)
3. meet (Simple Present Tense)
4. give (Past Progressive)
5. infect (Future Progressive)
6. visit (Present Perfect)
7. take (Past Perfect)
8. vacuum (Future Perfect)
9. get (Past Perfect Progressive)
10. live (Future Perfect Progressive)

(10 marks)

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SECTION B: SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT [20 MARKS]

Question I

Instructions: The following extract contains 11 errors in subject-verb agreement. Identify 10 errors and correct them as shown in the example. The first error is stated as the example.

EXAMPLE:	No	Line	Error	Correction
	0	3	are	is

The Bengal Cat

There are many aspects to the character of the Bengal cat, and they are as unusual as they are varied. For the Bengal cat is no regular cat. The Bengal cat breed's beauty **are** undeniable. Their coats are actually called pelts, and they are as smooth as satin, and they are sleek, glossy, and marbled or spotted. These coats, which actually looks like gold dust glitter is covering it, are unique to the Bengal cat. Some people even says that the Bengal cat's hair doesn't even cause as many allergic reactions as other cat breeds.

I think one of the best things about owning a Bengal is to begin training it as soon as it comes into your household so that it will know what is acceptable, and what is not. If they're left unchecked, the cats will create a lot of havoc around your house unless they know what your boundaries are. A firm and simple hissing noise coming out of your mouth when your cat misbehave will let it know that it should stop. Bengals are extremely quick to understand. It will see the hissing noise as a reprimand once a very short time have gone by.

These little cats not only needs as much attention as they can get, but also rejoices interaction with humans. For a person who live in a flat and is at work for most of the day with no real access to the outdoors, the Bengal cat might not be the cat for you. If you reside in a town, it is a great idea to fence your garden around with fences that are cat-proof so that your Bengal cat can get some exercise outdoors. They are extremely muscular cats, and they enjoy dashing around like maniacs before they end up somewhere like on a tree branch.

These majestic felines possesses the dispositions of dogs. They are so intelligent and active that they need mental stimulation and communication with other creatures, preferably canine or feline as well as humans too. When my Bengal cats were kittens, I used to set up little games with all sorts of household objects and rope with them to keep their minds occupied, and then when they got bored with one game, I would set up another game. They would tail me around the house, into and around everything, and they would help me work on whatever I was doing, and then they would curl up with me underneath the duvet in the night. Since they have grown

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30 up into adulthood now, I think that this interaction between us have worked to create a very strong bond, and they have grown up to be very balanced, bold, and confident cats.

Adapted from Unknown Author. (2016, November 28). Retrieved from http://www.serranobengals.com/the-bengal-cat-personality.htm

(10 marks)

Question II

Instructions: Using the words given in the box, fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb in **Simple Present Tense**. Use each option ONLY once.

commute	**assist**	**be**	**decide**	**insist**
take	**be**	**help**	**know**	**support**

1. Twenty tonnes _____ too much a load for that medium-sized truck.
2. Many Japanese _____ to their places of work using the MRT.
3. The movie, including all the previews, _____ about two hours to watch.
4. Most of the mountain peaks on the Himalayan Range _____ covered with snow.
5. Nobody _____ the sufferings I have witnessed during my 3-year stay at Cambodia.
6. One of the senior managers _____ that the employees be on time for meetings.
7. It is not the faculty members but the vice president of academic who _____ on this matter.
8. Swimming _____ to build endurance, muscle strength and cardiovascular fitness.
9. A number of PEN0045 students _____ the lecturer by joining the Buddy System to help out the new foreign students.
10. The data of the research _____ the hypothesis in the paper.

(10 marks)

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